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Mrs. Robert Howe Baldwin

Dear Mrs. Baldwin:

Many thanks for your letter of February 19, 1961. I have been in touch with my friend, Van Engert, and have asked him to advise me if I can be of any help in connection with the invitation which you have extended to Senator Fulbright to address your dinner on April 18. I am sorry not to be with you. Unfortunately, I have an engagement to attend a meeting in Puerto Rico at the time of your April dinner. If, however, there is any way I can be informally of help, please let me know.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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February 19, 1961.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Herewith enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote Senator Fulbright which, Polly Gordon tells me, you would like to see. Please forgive its many errors as it was my own "rough" and is the only copy I have.

Polly tells me, too, that you are not coming to the Robert College dinner and that, may I say, is a source of deep regret to us all. I, for one, would like to have had a part in the standing ovation which ought to be a daily ritual of thanks for the years of unselfish devotion with which you and your illustrious brother have served this nation.

And may I, again speaking for all of us "at Robert", convey our gratitude to you for your kindness in interceding with the Senator on our behalf. Remembering his cordiality to the Council of Islamic Affairs (of which I am Vice-Chairman), it was a real blow to learn from our Washington office that he would accept no speaking commitments such as ours.

With every best wish to you, Sir, for the continuance of your great work for these beloved United States, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Earl Eberstadt Baldwin

Mrs. Robert Howe Baldwin

Mr. Alan Dulles
Washington, D.C.

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The Honorable J. William Fulbright
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

On Tuesday, April eighteenth, the FRIENDS OF ROBERT COLLEGE of Istanbul and the AMERICAN COLLEGE FOR GIRLS will hold a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is our privilege to invite you to honor us with your presence as Speaker of the evening, for we can conceive of no one who could emphasize with greater authority the vital role of our American educational institutions in areas exposed and sensitive to unfriendly doctrines.

Robert College, as you know, has devoted itself for nearly one hundred years to teaching and demonstrating the noble principles of democracy, and the many leaders in Turkey today who are, themselves, graduates of Robert College, are witnesses to the worth of its dedicated work.

Nonetheless, those whose interest has been to bring to coming generations the opportunity to study - among other things - their country's problems - against a background familiar to them yet in terms of American standards, American ideals and American spiritual values, realize only too keenly the constant threat of their being weaned away from us by subtlety, innuendo or direct mental or moral attack.

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It is our conviction that the use of our dais for a speech by you at the time of our planned dinner would be of great significance, not only because of the weight of your words as a national leader but also because of your world renown as a leader in the field of American education on a world scale.

The Honorable Cornelius Van H. Engert has kindly consented to present this invitation to you in person. We hope he may bring us your consent to honor us with your presence on April eighteenth.

In closing, may we express to you the best wishes of the Board of Trustees as well as of all the members of the FRIENDS OF ROBERT COLLEGE by whom this dinner is being arranged.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Robert Howe Baldwin
Mrs. Albert H. Gordon
Co-Chairmen

N.B (FOR MR. DULLES). The Voice of America is to cover this and, in all probability, we will have some coverage by one of our American networks as well.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

You wished to be reminded to reply to the attached letter.

I believe this invitation was issued by phone by Mrs. Albert Gordon, and that you declined the invitation. (The call was not monitored, however, so I am not sure of what transpired).

is going to speak to Senator Fulbright about this matter.

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